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From The Desk Of Edward J. Haggerty

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Dawson Chosen As Marion Administrator

By Kenneth J. Souza

After whittling applicants down to a pool of three finalists and conducting two rounds of interviews with



Above: Sippican School in Marion recently held its third annual book fair to benefit the sixth grade class and their upcoming spring trip to the White Mountains in New Hampshire, known as "The Wilderness Classroom." Pictured here (l. to r.) are Sophie Harding, Hannah Walsh, coordinator Aimee Fox, Brian Fox, and TJ Lee. (Photo by Nancy MacKenzie).



Above: Newly-hired Rochester Town Administrator Richard LaCamera (third from left) poses with (from left) Board of Selectmen Chairman Bradford Morse, Council on Aging Director Sharon Lally, and Selectman Dan McGaffey during a welcome reception held at the Rochester Senior Center on Monday, December 18 in Mr. LaCamera's honor. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: Jolly Ol' Saint Nick himself visited the Rochester Post Office on Saturday, December 16 before making final preparations for his "big night" on December 24. These are a few of the many Rochester children that met with Santa and offered their last-minute "wish lists." Customers coming in to mail out their Christmas gifts and cards were also offered complimentary beverages and goodies for their patronage throughout the year. (Photo courtesy of James Dries).

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each, the Marion Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to offer the position of full-time Town Administrator to Paul F. Dawson of Stoughton, MA during a special meeting on Thursday, December 14. Mr. Dawson was selected over fellow finalists Bradley A. Plante, currently the Town Administrator in Rockland, MA, and Phyllis Marshall, who is the Treasurer/Collector for Watertown, MA.

"Obviously a lot of thought has gone into this and I think the one thing that we all agreed on and said in public was that we wanted to make sure we got a well-qualified person but someone who also fit with Marion," said Selectmen Chairman Andrew Jeffrey. "Speaking for myself, I tried to keep an open mind, but in the end my personal feeling is based on the answers that he gave. Paul Dawson, in my opinion, would be the best person for the job."

"As I've said before, things that are a 'good fit' aren't always what's necessary," Selectman Jonathan Henry agreed. "Taking that into consideration, I think Mr.

The Wanderer Holiday Hours

The Wanderer office will be closed from December 25 to January 1 so that our employees can enjoy the holidays. There will be no December 28th edition. The first issue in January will be January 4, 2007. Deadline for Display Advertising in the January 4 issue is Friday, December 22 at 3pm. Classified advertising deadline for the January 4 issue will remain as January 1 at 1pm, but as our office will be closed, all classifieds submitted from December 22 to January 1 must be done by mail or on line at www.wanderer.com.

We hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and a Great New Year!

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"Not to beat a dead horse, but I have received the same information as my colleagues and I would also support (hiring) Mr. Dawson as Town Administrator," Selectman Roger Blanchette added.

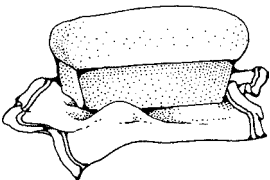
Details of Mr. Dawson's contract and official start date were to be determined by the Board of Selectmen this week, although it is expected he would begin his tenure in Marion sometime after January 1, 2007, replacing former Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock who has been serving in an interim capacity since Jack Dolan's resignation last June.

Mr. Dawson is currently the Town Clerk and also Assistant Town Manager in the Town of Stoughton, MA, where he has served for the last five years. He also previously served as Town Clerk and as a member of the Board of Health in the Town of Winthrop, MA.

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"Merry Music"
ORR Junior High Holiday Concert
 By Nancy MacKenzie

The auditorium at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High was packed with parents and students last Thursday night for the annual Holiday Concert. Ms. Angie Vaughn led the 40-member chorus of seventh and eighth graders in a rendition of "Hanukkah Shalom," "Instrument of Peace," and "One Minute Madrigal," three of five selections reminding the audience that the holidays are not just about Santa Claus and presents, but also about

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Ms. Vaughn said that she was very proud of the hard work the ORR students put into the concert and praised the administration's commitment to the tri-town's music program. ORR's music program takes place during the day and music is taught as an academic subject, she said, thanking ORR Junior High School Principal Simonne Conlon and the School Committee for their continued support.

"The School Committee is so supportive of our program," she said, "and Ms. Conlon is our biggest advocate."

The ORR Junior High School Orchestra, led by Paul Sardinha, played two holiday tunes and was fol-

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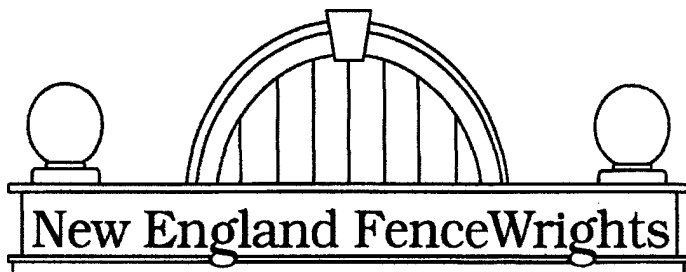
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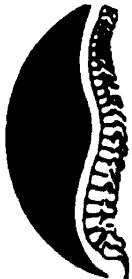
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lowed by the ORRJHS Concert and Jazz Bands, led by James Farmer. New this year was the strings section. Mr. Farmer, who has been with the ORRJHS school system for 19 years, said that the new string section is comprised of students who learned to play in Old Hammondtown Elementary's music program. The band currently has nine violinists and one cellist.

"As more kids come up from Old Hammondtown, we hope to switch them around to different strings," he said.

This year the band played "The Bells of Christmas," "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch," and "Festival of Hanukkah" among its selections.

"We're able to practice more challenging music because at ORR we have band and chorus every day," said Mr. Farmer. "At this school, music isn't just an after-school program."

At the Holiday Concert Ms. Vaughn was proud to announce that on Saturday, December 2, ten ORR Junior High School music students auditioned to participate in the Junior Southeast District Music Festival. Four instrumentalists (Kyle Wheeler, Madeline Murphy, Dana Dourdeville, and Travis Bliss) and six choral students (Mikayla Florio, Sophia Deery, Alexandria Mello, Jillian Zucco, Holly Stickles and Kaitlyn Butts) were selected.

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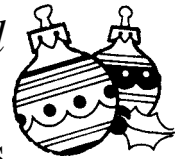
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Each spring, the Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) holds a concert series to benefit the music program of the ORR school district and to provide scholarships for graduating seniors. If you would like to support the ORR music program, please contact FORM at form02739@yahoo.com with questions, ideas or offers.

"Book Benefit"

Sippican Book Fair to Fund Trip

By Nancy MacKenzie

This past week, Sippican Elementary School in Marion held its third annual book fair to benefit the sixth grade class and their upcoming spring trip to the White Mountains in New Hampshire, known as "The Wilderness Classroom."

Aimee Fox, a coordinator for the activity fund, helped to organize the book fair with the help of 35 parent volunteers. Scholastic Books, the vendor for the event, packages all of the displays which are shipped to the school and set up by volunteers. Displays included picture books for younger children, a variety of adventure and fantasy literature for older kids, and books for adults, too. Gifts and other items were also available for purchase to support the sixth graders.

"There are 55 kids in the sixth grade class," said Ms. Fox. "So, it is quite remarkable that we had 35 parent volunteers from that grade."

During the fair, parents donated anywhere from one to seven hours of their time, and all were essential to the fair running smoothly, she said, adding that Scholas-

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tic Books was very impressed with Sippican's parental involvement.

Ms. Fox estimated that the fair raised \$3,000. That money is allocated for expenses involved in the students' trip to "A Mountain Classroom."

"The bus alone costs \$1,250," she said. Last year, each student paid \$65 to attend the three-day trip. All other expenses were covered by fund raisers.

"The Mountain Classroom" is part of the sixth grade curriculum which focuses on geography, geology and environmental science. Students prepare for the trip all year by engaging in reading and activities that pertain to understanding and caring for the outdoors. This year the majority of sixth graders will attend the three-day trip



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"A Mountain Classroom" helps students to gain a deeper understanding of the natural world. This year students will bunk in lodges at the base of the mountain and then make day excursions into the wilderness. Students study geology on mountainsides overlooking glacial cirques, and learn about forest ecology while hiking among the trees.

Mr. Roseman said that the AMC guides share their knowledge and expertise with students allowing the students to get a new perspective on nature and the environment. One component of the program, called "Leave No Trace," helps students learn to protect and respect nature by teaching them to enjoy the outdoors with minimum impact on the land.

Sixth grade Sippican School students will head for the White Mountains at the end of May. Other fundraising events for the activity include parent-student basketball games and car washes. Donations can be made to the Sippican School Activity Fund.



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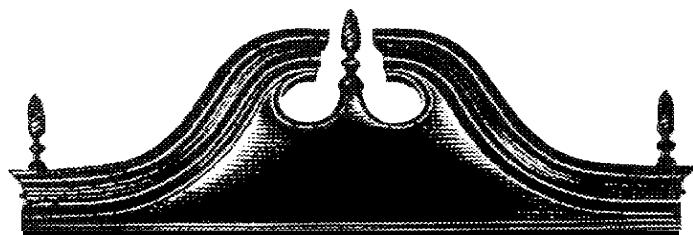


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Voting will start at www.wanderer.com at 12:00 noon on January 18, 2007 and end at 8:00 pm on January 28, 2007. The winner will be announced in our February 1, 2007 issue.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 19, 2006

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer. Also present were Selectman Raymond H. Andrews, Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The board first approved the minutes of the December 12 meeting and then voted to accept the gift of a 1988 Ford truck to the Board of Health for use at the town landfill. "They do have a need for it ... it will be used solely at the landfill and will not be driven (outside)," Mr. Botelho said.

At 7:02 pm the board opened the annual Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors to set the town's tax rate for Fiscal Year 2007.

Selectman Andrews read a letter from resident John Folino into the record supporting a single tax rate for both residential and commercial property in Mattapoisett.

"We're happy to report that the state has accepted our data evaluations, and there was a two percent increase overall across the town," said Assessor Rebecca McCullough. "Some (taxpayers) might see a slight increase, others a slight decrease. We have an excess levy

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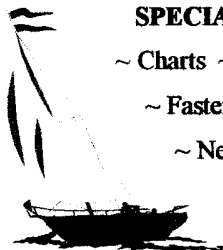
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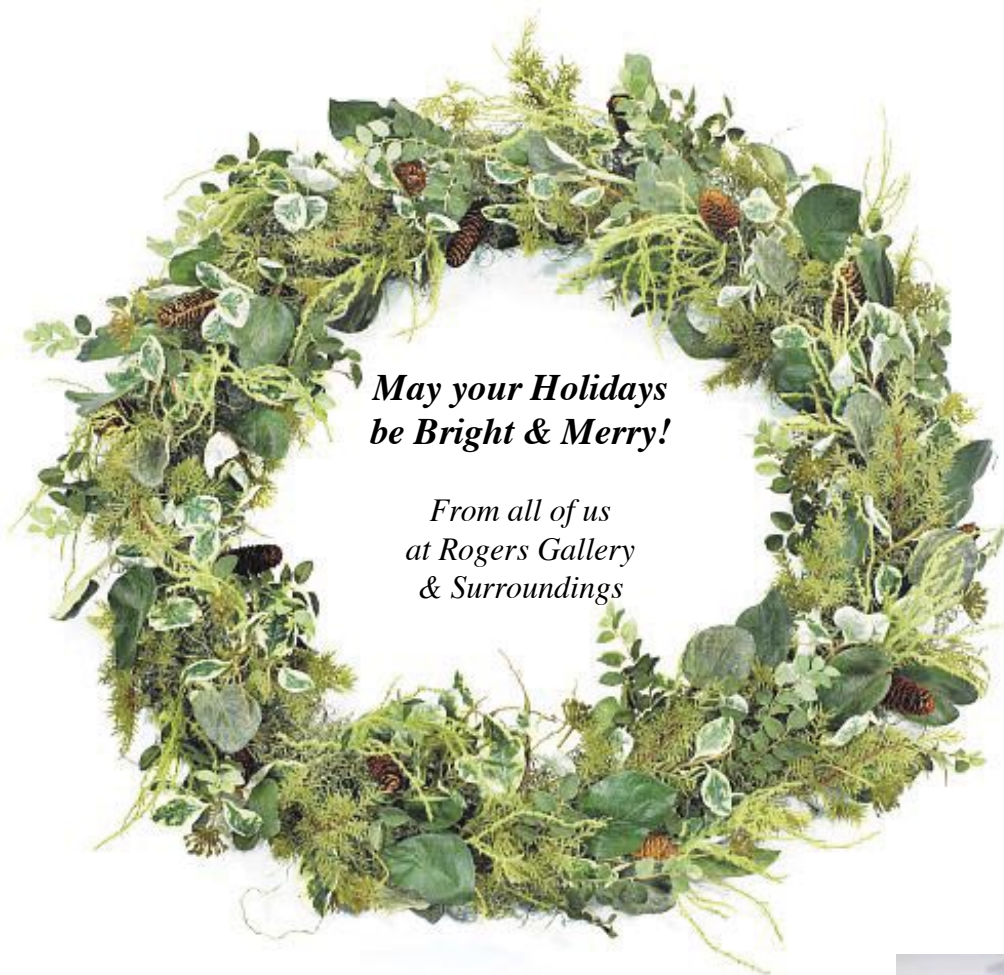
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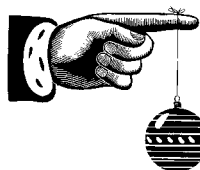
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With that, the board unanimously voted to approve a single tax rate for both commercial and residential property as recommended by the Board of Assessors. It is expected that tax bills will be mailed sometime in early January 2007.

Under Notes and Announcements, the board noted:

- The next regular Selectmen's meetings will be held on Thursday, December 28 at 6:00 pm (budget meeting) and again on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- The Town Hall will be closed at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 22 for the annual Christmas Party and will be closed on Monday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

At 7:07 pm the board met with Seth Mendell and Robert Atkinson of the Library Board of Trustees for an update on the library expansion and renovation project.

"We signed the contract (in November 2005), just about a year ago ... and we're here to give you a snapshot of the project as it stands one year later," Mr. Atkinson said.

According to Mr. Mendell, the original contract bid was \$4.694 million and the Trustees worked to pare down that number to \$4.366 million by eliminating some

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alternate items. "Of course, the cost of the project is greater than that ... which (resulted in) a total project cost of \$5.091 million," he said.

Upon signing with the contractor on November 28, 2005, Mr. Mendell noted that amount was adjusted to \$4.615 million to reflect a change in a newly-negotiated item. That resulted in a total adjusted project cost of \$4.992 million.

As of November 30, 2006 — after just over one year of construction — the Trustees have approved five change orders totaling \$57,204 which brings the overall contract price to \$4.672 million.

On the funding side, Mr. Atkinson noted that have received \$1.480 million in private donations, which



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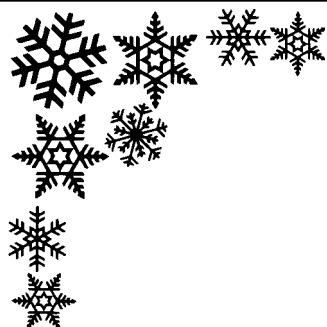
When eaten, poinsettias cause irritation to the tongue and other tissues of the mouth and possibly the stomach. Thus they cause discomfort but probably not severe illness.

How dangerous is chocolate for pets?

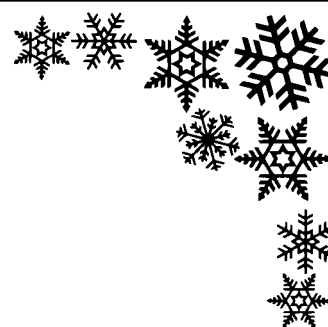
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will be added to the approved state grant of \$1.575 million and money allocated by Town Meeting voters in 2002 (\$500,000) and again in 2005 (\$1.436 million), for a total of \$5.221 million.

At this point, Mr. Mendell said they are projecting the total project to cost about \$5.170 million when all is said and done, with an anticipated completion date of July 31, 2007.

In reviewing these budget projections, both Selectman Andrews and Selectmen Lombard noted they had concerns about future change orders and having sufficient funds in the contingency line item to cover those unanticipated costs.

"First of all, this is a public project ... it belongs to the town," Selectman Lombard said. "Certain promises were made and we're here to see they are kept. As we go through this project, any change to the contract requires that it comes out of the contingency fund. The Town Accountant needs to ... certify that the funds are available to make these changes."

A \$200,000 contingency fund within the library project budget became a bone of contention for Selectmen as the Trustees said they have been putting the interest generated from this account back into the project budget. That fund — and any interest generated from it — should be used to offset the money taxpayers agreed to borrow for the library project, according to Selectman Lombard.

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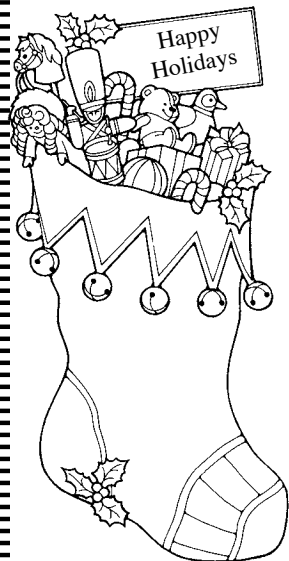
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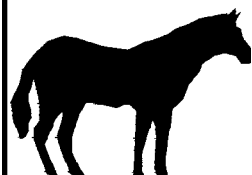
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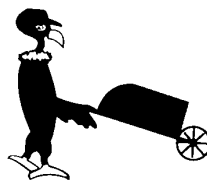
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project," Selectman Lombard said. "If we were to invest some of these monies, that interest should go back to the taxpayers."

Library Trustee Robert Catley, however, disagreed and felt that any interest earned on the money earmarked for the library project should be put back into the project.

He also argued that this project is unique because it includes the rare mingling of public and private funds — the latter of which have been raised through private donations.

"At the outset of this project, we had a pretty concise list of values we're working with," Chairman Collyer said. "We should be working from that set of numbers and not adding and subtracting to them. That \$200,000 should be in the town's hands for any contingencies as they come up. It's a little confusing trying to find the methodology of where the numbers are coming from."

"I just have concerns that when the (project) is audited, we've done everything according to Massachusetts General Laws," Selectman Andrews said.

At 8:20 pm the board met with Deborah Smiley of the Mattapoisett Tree Committee to discuss a revised design for parking and the planned "War Memorial Park" to be located on the Mattapoisett Public Library property.

The new plan would make better use of the green open park space located adjacent to the library's new handicap entrance and would move the existing war memorials to a more prominent space closer to Barstow



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"I think it's a nice 150th birthday gift for the town," Ms. Smiley said.

Ms. Smiley noted plans and photographs of her proposed design can be viewed on the Mattapoisett Tree Committee's website at www.trees-for-mattapoisett.org.

"The American Legion unanimously supported Ms. Smiley's proposal," Selectman Andrews said. "We know there's going to be an additional cost involved and I, for one, would support an article at Town Meeting to cover the additional expense."

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Botelho presented the board with a draft of the FY 2007 budget. "This year I asked the department heads to take a hard look at what they do and how they do it," Mr. Botelho said. "Having gone through that process and working with them over the last several weeks ... there are some changes in this budget which differs from prior years."

Mr. Botelho noted based on best-guess estimates, he anticipates the town's receipts to be about \$19.773 million for FY 2007 and he has prepared an initial budget of \$18.915 million, leaving a surplus of about \$857,000 which he hopes to put back into the Reserve Fund. This proposed FY 2007 budget represents a 2.14 percent over the FY 2006 budget.

At 9:04 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and pending litigation matters. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2006

By Kenneth J. Souza

A special meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Thursday, December 14 at 6:03 pm by Chairman Andrew Jeffrey. Also present were Selectman Jonathan Henry, Selectman Roger Blanchette, Interim Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock and Secretary Helene Craver.

The purpose of this meeting was to make the final selection for the position of full-time Town Administrator. The three final candidates recently interviewed were **Paul F. Dawson**; **Bradley A. Plante**; and **Phyllis Marshall**.

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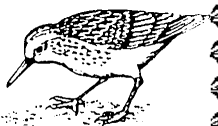
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"We only have one item on the agenda and that is to pick a new Town Administrator," Chairman Jeffrey said. "Obviously a lot of thought has gone into this and I think the one thing that we all agreed on and said in public was that we wanted to make sure we got a well-qualified person but someone who also fit with Marion. Speaking for myself, I tried to keep an open mind, but in the end my personal feeling is based on the answers that he gave. Paul Dawson, in my opinion, would be the best person for the job."

"As I've said before, things that are a 'good fit' aren't always what's necessary," Selectman Henry said. "Taking that into consideration, I think Mr. Dawson is the fit we need at this time. He doesn't have a Master's Degree — both of the other candidates have Master's Degrees — but he is working toward a Master's Degree. I received several calls from people who have worked with Mr. Dawson who gave him high praise ... I think it says a lot for the character of the man that they would recommend him."

"Not to beat a dead horse, but I have received the same information as my colleagues and I would also support (hiring) Mr. Dawson as Town Administrator," Selectman Blanchette agreed.

With that, the board unanimously voted to offer the position of Town Administrator to Paul F. Dawson and also to direct Chairman Jeffrey to negotiate a contract with him pending final approval of the entire board.

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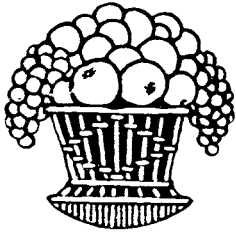
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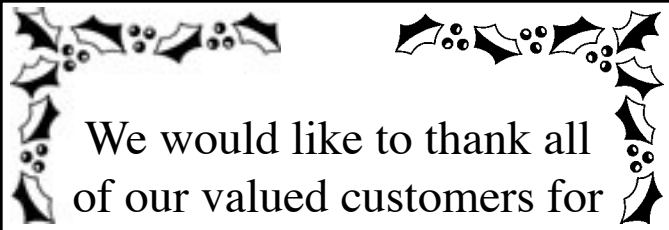


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Mr. Dawson is currently the Town Clerk and also Assistant Town Manager in the Town of Stoughton, MA, where he has served for the last five years. He also previously served as Town Clerk and as a member of the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen in the Town of Winthrop, MA.

It is expected Mr. Dawson will begin working as Marion's Town Administrator by or before January 1, 2007.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 6:15 pm.



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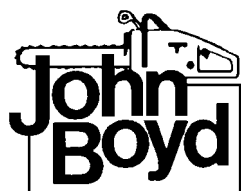
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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 18, 2006

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 18 at 6:55 pm by Chairman Bradford Morse. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Dan A. McGaffey, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first met in Executive Session to discuss pending contract negotiations.

Upon returning to Open Session at 7:02 pm, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 11 meeting, then discussed the proposed New Bedford Road water line extension project for a housing development project near the Rochester/Marion town line. Developer Mario DiBona had previously come before the board to request the water line extension into Rochester and now had plans in-hand as approved by the Marion Department of Public Works (DPW).

"We're putting in a 12-inch line at the request of (Marion DPW Superintendent) Rob Zora," Mr. DiBona said. "We're extending the water line about 3,800 feet ... into Rochester."

Having just reviewed the plans for the first time earlier that day, Mr. LaCamera suggested both Rochester and Marion should come to an agreement before the project is approved.

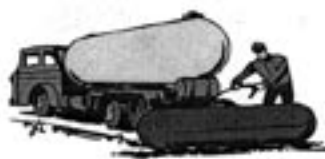
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"I would suggest I meet with someone in Marion so an addendum is signed (on behalf) of both towns," Mr. LaCamera said. "The other thing is who is going to maintain ... the water line? And if this line is going to be (further) expanded into Rochester (at a later date), we might want to look at a 16-inch main. I just want to make sure that if this line goes in, we have expansion capability for the future. If it's going to be a main line, we want to make sure we can expand (it later)."

The Selectmen agreed, having previously noted that the town's current elementary school is in the general vicinity of this water line extension.

Based on his suggestions, the board asked Mr. LaCamera to further look into the line capacity and the specifications with Marion before they approved the project.

"We should be initiating any water line extensions into Rochester, with all due respect to Marion," Mr. LaCamera added.

At 7:12 pm the board met with members of the Rochester Memorial School Committee and ORR School Superintendent Dr. William Cooper to review their prepared "Statement of Interest" to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to request funding for the future expansion of and/or renovation to Memorial School. This is not an application for funding, per se, according to School Committee Chairman Sharon Hartley. Rather, it is simply addressing the town's need

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"This is our first step ... and, as you can see, we need to set priorities," Ms. Hartley said. "The other thing is, they don't want us to submit a project right now — they want to see if they agree with our problem and needs first."

Among some of the key priority areas addressed in the Statement of Interest, as outlined by Ms. Hartley:

- Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists;
- Elimination of existing severe overcrowding, as determined in the judgment of the Authority; and
- Prevention of loss of accreditation, as determined in the judgment of the Authority.

Ms. Hartley further explained that the so-called "jeopardy to the health and safety of school children" would refer to Memorial School's current state of overcrowding and the need for additional classroom space.

With that, the board unanimously voted to sign and submit the prepared Statement of Interest to the MSBA on behalf of the town.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera noted:

- The Rochester Council on Aging (COA) held a reception to welcome him earlier in the day, and he wished to express his appreciation for their hospitality.
- The newly-established biweekly employee payroll schedule will begin on January 5, 2007. "It's on schedule and everyone has been notified," Mr. LaCamera said.
- A new handicap access ramp will be installed at the side entrance to the Rochester Town Hall this week. "Hopefully by the end of the week it will be taken care of," he said.
- He attended the initial budget hearing with members of the tri-town Boards of Selectmen, School Committees, and representatives of the ORR School District.
- He met with the Personnel Board last week and reviewed some of their issues with the town's Compensa-

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tion Plan and Personnel By-Laws. "I did provide them with some salary structures ... and we're going to be looking at that instead of hiring an (outside) consultant," Mr. LaCamera said.

• He reviewed some of the computer technology requirements for Town Hall as suggested by the Board of Selectmen. "My goal is to have a common e-mail system that's not run remotely by Comcast but run here on our own server," Mr. LaCamera said. "I'll put together some cost estimates in the very near future (for) the board. We're probably talking \$10,000 to \$20,000 to do that, but I think it's important that everyone use the same, common system."

At 7:30 pm the board reopened a Dog Hearing on a complaint against a dog identified as "Spirit" owned by Lorne and Anne Estabrook of 1 Estabrook Way which was originally slated for November 27, then rescheduled for December 11, and finally rescheduled for that evening. Chairman Morse recused himself from the meeting as he is an abutter to the Estabrooks, so Selectman Nunes served as chairman pro tem.

After swearing in those intending to give witness testimony, Selectman Nunes read an initial complaint letter from R. Vivian Lapre and then heard her testify to four dog attacks allegedly committed by the dog owned by the Estabrooks, two of which resulted in the killing of her dogs which she witnessed firsthand.

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James) Huntoon, this was a wolf hybrid," Ms. Lapre said. "He said it should be chained up by law. Then I was told the animal would be taken to a wildlife refuge ... but nothing's been done."

Lorne Estabrook identified digital photographs taken by neighbor Scott Seifert as his dog, so named "Spirit." Mr. Estabrook then presented the board with a copy of a judgment rendered in his favor at Wareham District Court spurred by a complaint filed by Ms. Lapre seeking restitution for the dogs that were killed.

"(My) dog has been in the Rochester school system, the kids hang all over him — as you can see it is a Husky/Shepherd mix, it looks a little wolfy," Mr. Estabrook said. "I'm confident my dog did not attack (Ms. Lapre's) dogs ... that was a coyote attack. My dog hasn't done anything wrong and it hasn't been proven he's done anything wrong, so I'm being persecuted here for something I haven't done."

"There were a number of incidents which took place prior to my taking over the Animal Control Department," Police Chief Paul Magee said. "My first involvement was some time back when I took in some complaints. In this case, because there was some previous history, I took statements from the neighbors."

"I (originally) agreed to restrain my dog because of some of the complaints that were made against me," Mr. Estabrook said. "My dog is restrained by an electric fence during the day when someone is there. At night

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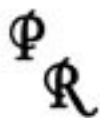


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(he's) restrained by a cable because that area is infested with coyotes and everyone knows that."

Mr. Estabrook was adamant the attacks on Ms. Lapre's dogs were committed by coyotes. "Did you or did you not make a complaint with the police department of several coyotes — plural — in your yard?" he asked neighbor Scott Seifert, who replied he didn't recall.

"Well, it's on record," Mr. Estabrook countered.

"My question is, why isn't my complaint being acted on?" Ms. Lapre asked, finally.

"I think, Mr. Estabrook, you can agree that your animal has not been adequately restrained," Selectman McGaffey said. "We have an agreement (from you) ... to keep your animal restrained and you violated that agreement."

"We can't take a chance that another neighbor's animal gets hurt," Mr. LaCamera added. "The neighbors here are very concerned about their safety and the safety of their animals."

At 8:06 pm the board officially closed the hearing and Selectman Nunes noted the board would render a decision in this matter at a later date.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:07 pm.

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Board of Selectmen will not meet on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1.

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Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

The Old Rochester Regional High School Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team is giving notice that they are going to be a force to be reckoned with this season as the team tipped off the 2006-2007 season with two very impressive wins. On Tuesday, December 12 the Lady cagers ran past Dartmouth High School 52-26. ORR was led by the solid outside shooting of senior point guard **Noelle Fougere** who scored a game high 16 points, including four baskets from three- point range. The next night, the Bulldogs defeated Seekonk High School 51-15.

The ORR Boys Basketball squad kept the Bishop Stang High School Spartans close for most of the first half before falling 63-44 in their season opener. **Ben Church** led the Bulldogs scoring with 12 points shooting 5 of 10 from the floor, including hitting two three point shots. On Friday, December 15, the ORR Boys faced Seekonk High School in their home opener, losing 65-46.

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with a 6-1 win against New Bedford High School on Wednesday, December 13. **Gage Silva** led the Devil-Dogs with 2 goals while **Brennan Goguen** added four assists. On Saturday, December 16 the team fell at Bourne High School 4-3. **Gage Silva**, **Brennan Goguen** and **Chet Potter** scored a goal each in the loss.

Old Rochester's Winter Track season got underway this past week with the **Boys and Girls Track** teams each opening their seasons on Thursday, December 14 at Dighton-Rehoboth High School. The Girls team won 53-33 as **Steph Reusch**, **Brittany Costa** and **Courtney Kirker** all won their individual events.

The Boys team lost their half of the meet 52-34. The Girls team raced to a 72 all tie with Seekonk High School on Saturday, December 16 to finish first at the South Coast Conference Relays at Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School's Janiak Field House. The highlight of the day's event was the Lady Bulldogs victory in the 4 x 50 yard shuttle hurdle race winning in 28.70 seconds. The Boys team finished the meet in fifth place, winning the sprint medley relay with a time of 4:06.1.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School had no varsity games scheduled this past week. The **Boys and Girls Basketball** teams both tipped off their season on Monday, December 18 with games against Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. Scores for the games were not available at press time.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Each fall, typically in November, the Marion Board of Health offers seasonal flu vaccine to residents in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines for eligibility. Pneumonia and tetanus/diphtheria vaccines are available year round.

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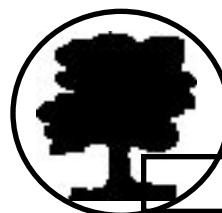
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In addition, vaccine was administered upon request and without charge to homebound residents through our successful home visitation program.

The Board of Health is extremely grateful to Tabor Academy for recognizing the importance of this essential public health service and for their financial support of the flu clinics this year. An increasing amount of time is spent "behind the scenes" on related administrative tasks, and clinic supplies need to be replaced annually. Our thanks are extended to Tabor Academy Health Center staff, Allyn Streeter, RN, Nurse Manager, and Sherry Rogers, LPN, for their assistance.

For the purpose of emergency planning, Sippican School is the designated Emergency (Medication) Dispensing Site (EDS) for the Town of Marion. As such, all future large public flu clinics will be held at this site. The Board of Health greatly appreciates the cooperation and support of the ORR school administration.

Last, but by no means least, Board of Health members Betsy Dunn, NP, Albin Johnson and Jason Reynolds, MD, sincerely commend the following individuals whose commitment to volunteer service to the Town of Marion enabled a total of 630 doses of influenza vaccine to be safely and efficiently dispensed within our community:

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We cut 384 trees and raised \$20,500 over the weekend. This is our best (effort) ever and will be the target for next year. We are particularly pleased at the result considering the charitable demands that have been met by people already this year.

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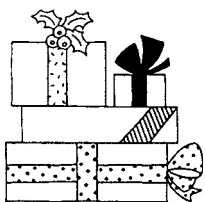
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We must also recognize the efforts of our many club members who worked hard to transform Handy's Tavern into a 1906 Toy Shop. We appreciate the generosity of the local merchants and townspeople who loaned us treasures from that period. Our membership and student volunteers from ORR and Bishop Stang were also essential in staffing posts in each house, at the tea, and with ticket sales and parking.

The strong support of the public and the blessings of good weather resulted in another successful year for the Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour! All proceeds from the tour will be awarded in the form of scholarships to Marion students in spring 2007.

We sincerely wish to thank *The Wanderer* for the article and cover photo about our house tour. Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Judy Fasciana, President
Sippican Woman's Club, Marion

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Good Citizen Awards

The New Bedford Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) which sponsors the DAR Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest in the New Bedford area, intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship, this year intended ten area high schools to select a good citizen from their senior class who best exemplifies outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their school, home and community to be their school's good citizen. Eight schools chose to participate this year.



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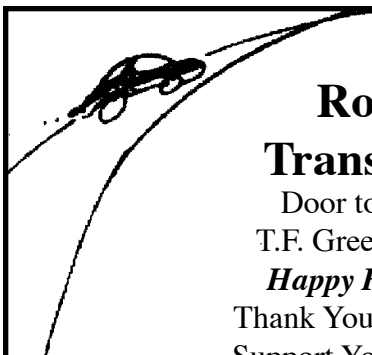
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The DAR Good Citizens from the following
schools will be presented awards at an annual award cer-
emony to be held in March by the New Bedford Chapter
DAR:

- Apponequet Regional High School – Samantha Gagnon;
- Bishop Stang High School – Cameron Durant;
- Dartmouth High School – John Armando;
- Fairhaven High School – Justine Avery;
- Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School – Katherine Ostiguy;
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School – Samantha Clarke;
- Old Rochester Regional High School – Bridget Halligan; and
- Wareham High School – Angela Knight.

The New Bedford Chapter's DAR Good Citizen with the winning entry in the scholarship contest at the chapter level is Cameron Durant of Bishop Stang High School. Mr. Durant's entry will be advanced to the state level of judging. The Massachusetts Society Daughters of the American Revolution's award presentation will also be held in March.

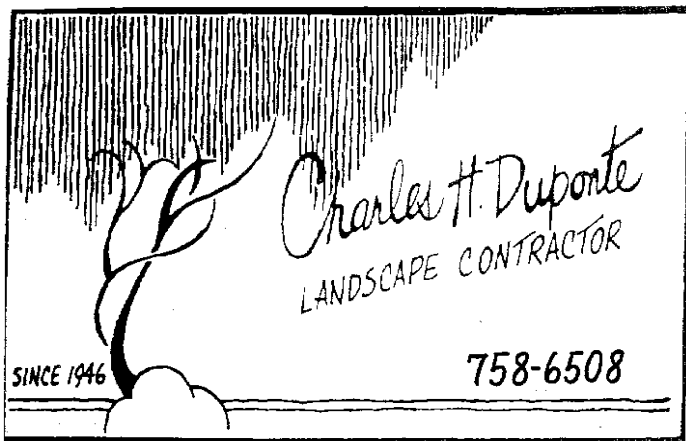
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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Dave Medeiros, one of the club's members. Several years ago Dave completed a safari trip to Africa and spent time in both Kenya and Tanzania. During his trip the highlight was spending time with the Massi Warriors who, as seen in the news, are an extremely tall and fearsome segment of the African culture. With Dave's stature, it should be interesting to see his photos of this part of his trip.

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The Marion Open Space Commission has a vacancy on their board of directors. Any interested persons should attend the next meeting to be held at the Marion Town House on January 10, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Questions can be answered by Jim Gurney at 508-748-3036.

Mattapoissett Sailing Program

The Town of Mattapoissett's Recreation Department is looking for donations of the following boats for its Community Sailing Program:

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This program is expected to start in the summer of 2007. If you have one of these boats and would be willing to donate it to the program, please call the Mattapoissett Harbormaster's Office at 508-758-4191. Thank you.

Mattapoissett Town Clerk

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Census Forms

Residents will be receiving their 2007 census form within the next few weeks. Please update any information if necessary, sign and return to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible. You may either return it by mail, or put it through the mail slot to the left of the front door of Town Hall.

Dog Licensing

On the back of the census form is the Dog License Renewal Form. Licenses are \$10 for male or female, \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal. If the pet owner is 70 years of age or older the license is free. In both cases the rabies must be up-to-date and on file in the Town Clerk's office.



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Marion EMT Class

The Marion Fire Department will present their "EMT Class of 2007" with Massachusetts Certified Paramedic, James Trout, Instructor. The class will start on January 16, 2007 and run through May 10, 2007. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday and on the first Saturday from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

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Rochester Tax Bills

Rochester Tax Collector Tom Gayoski has advised that the first half real estate and personal property tax bills have been mailed and payments are due December 29, 2006 in his office. For more information, please call the Tax Collector at 508-763-3871, extension 16.

Mattapoisett Great Decisions

Once again the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be sponsoring the "Great Decisions" discussion program, formulated by the Foreign Policy Association. This program is open to *men* and *women* of the area. The Foreign Policy Association's annual publication, *Great Decisions*, provides balanced articles on eight crucial foreign policy



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The club has been sponsoring this discussion program for over 20 years. They will be starting the last Wednesday in January (January 31, 2007) and meeting each week for eight weeks at 1:30 pm in the conference room at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Lois Murray at 508-758-4949 as discussion guides must be ordered costing approximately \$15 each. Come join this lively group that helps you reach informed opinions about U.S. foreign issues.

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But residents' help is needed to make this happen. They must make a financial commitment this winter, but the fireworks are completely funded through private contributions. The Fireworks Committee is starting with only \$898 left over from last year and will need to raise an additional \$35,000-\$40,000!

If you enjoyed watching/attending the fireworks, please give them your support. Donations at all levels — large or small — are what make the fireworks happen. Please make your check payable to "Town of Marion - Fireworks," and send it to the Town of Marion, Attention: Fireworks Committee, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

This year the committee is also asking for feedback to determine the best day to hold the fireworks. Last year the Fourth of July fell on a Tuesday and they scheduled the event the previous Saturday. In 2007 July 4 falls on a Wednesday, and they are wondering whether you would rather have the fireworks on the prior Saturday (June 30), July 4, or the following Saturday (July 7).

If the show is held on July 4 it will be more costly, due to the increased demand for pyrotechnics firms on that day and because of the cost of holiday overtime details for public safety personnel. When you send your check, please note your date preference, and thank you for sharing your opinion with the Marion Summer Fireworks Committee.

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The fee to participate is \$20, with all proceeds to benefit the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. On the day of the Soup Swap, you will be able to taste all the recipes and go home with a book of all the recipes and a sample of someone else's recipe. Anyone who wishes to participate needs to register as space is limited to about 75 participants. To register or for more information, please call or e-mail Kim Field at 508-758-8993 or cootcove@comcast.net. The registration deadline is January 12, 2007.

Plan to join in on all the food and fun on January 27. This is not a competition, it is just an afternoon of great food sampling, testing of superb recipes, and plenty of good fellowship among friends and neighbors.

Driver Education Class

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 15 years, 9 months on or before January 8, 2007 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats.

Please call the Martin Auto School at 508-999-3832 for further information. Those wishing to register for this class who are not students of ORR High School should call the Martin Auto School directly to register. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, January 8, 2007.

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The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you are interested, please call as the curator is often out at a meeting elsewhere. For more information, please call 508-758-2844.

Rochester Library Donations

For the month of December, the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is accepting canned goods and other non-perishable items in lieu of fines. Bring in an item for Damien's Pantry in Wareham and the library will waive all overdue fines. This does not cover lost or missing items. For more information, please call the library at 508-763-8600.

Marion Ambulance Drive

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The drive for funds is underway and a thermometer will be erected on the Town House lawn to chart the progress of funds received. Please make checks payable to "Marion VFW Ambulance Fund." Donations in any amount — no contribution is too small or too large — can be mailed to: Marion VFW Ambulance Drive, P.O. Box 126, Marion, MA 02738.

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Rochester Scholarship Committee

The Town of Rochester is currently seeking additional members for its Scholarship Committee. The Committee was established in 1996 for the purpose of awarding scholarships to worthy Rochester senior high school college-bound students. The committee meets approximately six to eight times a year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, letters of interest can be mailed to Rochester Town Hall, Attention: Board of Selectmen, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA, 02770.

If you would like more information about serving on the Town Scholarship Committee, please call Roxanne Costa, Committee Chairman, at 508-763-3792.

Plumb Memorial Library

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Genealogy Club

The Rochester Genealogy meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester. The club is made up of members interested in meeting with others in the area who are working to trace their family history. New members are always welcome. Just drop in! For more information, please call the library at 508-763-8600.

Library Hours

The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open Monday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm;

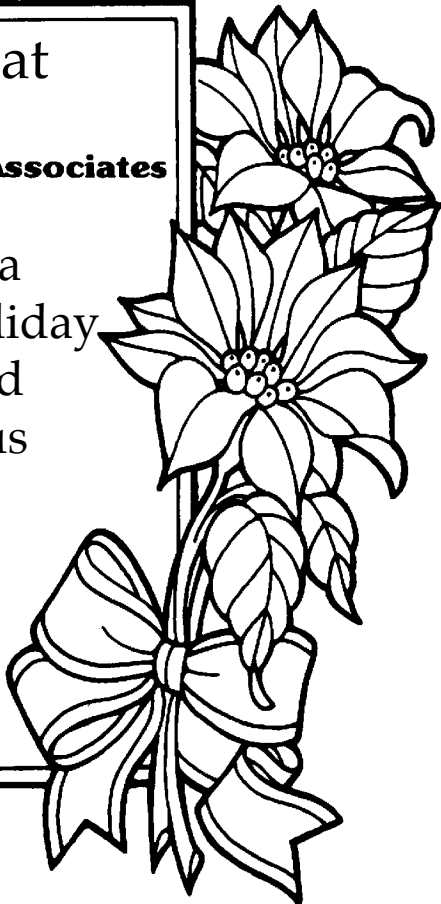
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Elizabeth Taber Library

Christmas Vacation

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 and 27: Drop-In Activity Days. Create holiday pictures with materials available in the Children's Room during regular library hours.

Thursday, December 28 at 1:30 pm: the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion will celebrate "Christmas for the Birds." Children ages 3 to 8 can hear stories of the season and create treats for the winter birds. Please register for this program by calling or stopping by the library.

Friday, December 29 and Saturday, December 30: children of all ages can create noisemakers to help celebrate the New Year with instructions and materials available in the Children's Room during regular library hours.

Winter 2007

Every Saturday and Sunday during the winter are Drop-In Craft Days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

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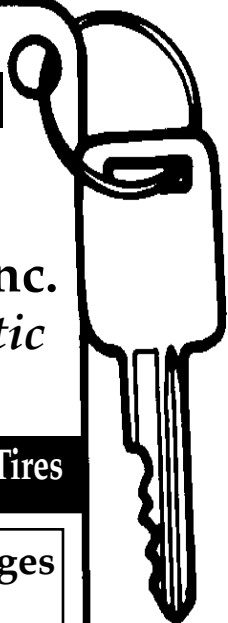
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Winter Storytime for children between the ages of three and five begins January 8 and runs through March 12, 2007. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:00 am. Please sign up by calling 508-748-1252 or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Marsha Rehkamp at mrehkamp@sailsinc.org.

The library is exploring the possibility of a Lapsit Storytime for ages 0-23 months on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am. If you are interested, please contact Marsha Rehkamp (508-748-1252, mrehkamp@sailsinc.org).

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/marion.

South Coast Community Church

Most know the Christmas story — but do we believe it? Sundays this December at South Coast Community Church they will take you back to that first Christmas and help you experience it in a new way. You'll get to watch a clip from the new movie *The Nativity Story*, watch a thought-provoking drama, hear a relevant message from the Bible and meet some friendly people. Join them! You might find a whole new reason to believe.

The South Coast Community Church meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 am in Marion's Sippican School Auditorium. They'll have a cup of hot coffee waiting for you! For more information, please call 508-748-3200 or check out their website at www.southcoastcommunity-church.org.

Rochester Senior New Year

Join the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) on Friday, December 29 at 1:30 pm at the Rochester Senior Center for their First Annual New Year's Eve Party. Jackie Ashley has a new Karaoke machine which will launch this event. Lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres and sparkling bubbly will be available for all, complete with the end of the year countdown, noisemakers, and everything to make the festivities complete. Perhaps Dick Clark will make an appearance! Advance sign-up is required and donations will be greatly appreciated.

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On the second Sunday of the month, following the service, everyone is invited to join together for food and fellowship at a brunch prepared by the members of the congregation. The church is handicap-accessible. For more information on special events or changes to the schedule, please call Barbara Besse at 508-763-8838. Please note: the church is not UCC affiliated.

- December 24: Reverend Dr. Kathy Gayoski.

Rochester Senior Events

The following are upcoming Rochester Senior Events planned at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane:

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- T'ai Chi / Qung Class – Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Weekly class to improve balance, breathing and well being. Suggested donation per class is \$5. Beginners and all ages are welcome!
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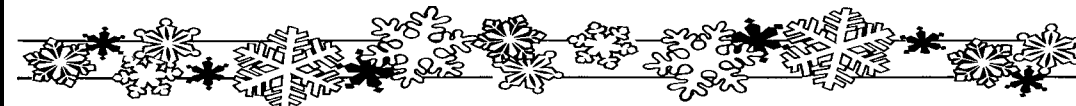
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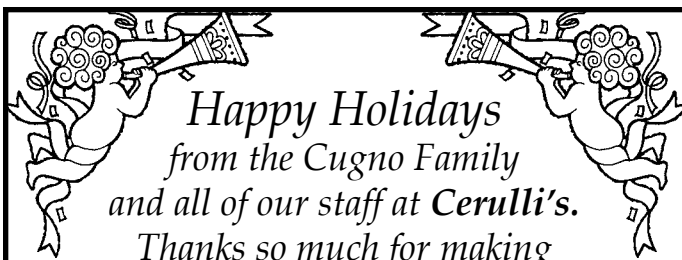
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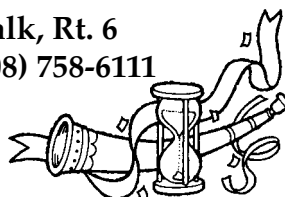
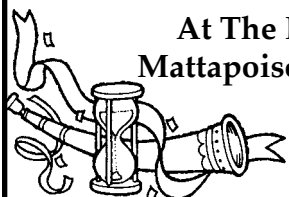
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- **Soup and Sandwich** – every Monday at 12:00 noon at the Rochester Senior Center. Different menu each week. Advanced sign-up is necessary and a donation is appreciated. All are welcome and transportation will be available.

- **Christmas Ham Dinner** – Join the Rochester COA on Friday, December 22 at 12:00 noon for a delicious ham dinner with all the traditional fixings ... just in time to put you in the Christmas spirit!

Friends of the Elderly

Dine-Out Books

The "Friends" are again selling the Dinner for Two dining books which have just arrived in time for Christmas giving. They are available at the Council on Aging (COA), located at Center School in Mattapoisett. Still the same price (\$29.95 each), and if you buy three you get one free! With these books you can sample many of the area restaurants by purchasing one dinner and getting another free. There are many new local additions to this year's coupon book. For more information, please call 508-758-9780.

Marion Public Skating

Marion Recreation Family Time for 2006-2007 at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink will take place from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm on the following dates:

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) is located in Rooms C130 and C140 at Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance; parking is located across the street near the church Carriage Shed or in the school lot. The center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The phone number is 508-758-4110.

Upcoming events include:

- Thursday, December 21 – Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Lunch at Kinsale Inn 12:00 noon (\$13 all inclusive, please call 508-758-4110 to reserve a space); Handwork Group 1:00 pm;
- Friday, December 22 – Yoga 8:15 am (\$2.50 per session); Shaw's Trip 8:30 am; Weight Training 9:30 am;
- Monday, December 25 – Center Closed for Holiday;
- Tuesday, December 26 – Stop and Shop 8:30 am; Fairhaven Marts 1:00 pm; Weight Training 2:00 pm;
- Wednesday, December 27 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; Bingo 1:00 pm; Senior Fitness 2:15 pm (\$2.50 per session);
- Thursday, December 28 – Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Handwork Group 1:00 pm; LaSalette Shrine (leaving at 4:00 pm) Light Display, please call COA at 508-758-4110 to reserve a seat in the van;
- Friday, December 29 – Shaw's Trip 8:30 am; Weight Training 9:30 am; Movie: *Meet Me In St. Louis*, starring Judy Garland at 1:00 pm;

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MOVIE REVIEW

Lackluster Year

By Rob Gonsalves
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Not to end the year on a negative note, but I do believe 2006 has been one of the most lackluster years for movies in quite some time. As I write this, they've recently announced the Golden Globe nominations, which are usually considered a barometer to what might get nominated for Oscars. Of the ten movies nominated in the Drama and Musical/Comedy categories, I've seen six, enjoyed three, and would probably rent two of the ones I haven't seen. When the Oscars roll around, most of the Musical/Comedy nominees will likely be dropped from the Best Picture roster (*Dreamgirls* may make the cut), leaving five Best Picture nominees I either disliked or wasn't interested in.

What happened? There's still no shortage of intriguing movies being made. This year I saw (and told you about) two great little independent films — the road thriller *Zyzx* and the dark comedy *The Altruist*. But good luck finding them at Blockbuster, much less at your local multiplex. Two major film artists weighed in with hotly-debated movies this year — Terry Gilliam with *Tideland* and David Lynch with *Inland Empire* — but they got such microscopic releases that, if you don't care to deal with Boston traffic, you're pretty much forced to wait for the DVD. Two Richard Linklater films, *A Scanner Darkly* and *Fast Food Nation*, were talked about more than actually seen — they came and went rapidly. Have you seen *The Queen of Little Children*? They're Oscar front-runners, but you'll have to wait until they get a few Oscar nominations (or awards) before you get to see them at the 'plex.

The communal act of watching movies — sitting in the dark among strangers to be told a story — is fast dying. Partly DVD killed it, as well as the wide range of affordable home-theater gadgets that offer a better viewing experience at home than you'd get in most theaters. Partly it's the declining number of decent movies. Partly it's the lack of support for the few decent movies. Partly it's you. How many of you made an effort to seek out *The Fountain* when I pleaded with you to see it on the big screen?

Ah, well. It's too soon to make up a ten-best list, as I haven't seen all the year-end movies that tend to cluster around Christmas to be eligible for Oscars. I will say that nothing's likely to knock *The Fountain* off its #1 spot on my eventual list, and that there were several films I very much enjoyed (or found exceptional, in cases where they can't really be described as "enjoyable"): *Dave Chappelle's Block Party*, *Manderlay*, *Thank You for Smoking*, *Art School Confidential*, *Hostel*, *An Inconvenient Truth*, *Clerks II*,



Inside Man, *Gamers*, *Film Geek*, *The Descend*, *Nacho Libre*, *Snakes on a Plane*, *The Protector*, parts of *Superman Returns*, *Borat*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas in 3-D*

(not a new film, but fine old wine in a new technological bottle), *Fearless*, *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny*. Good performances in otherwise so-so movies: Meryl Streep in *The Devil Wears Prada*, Robert Downey Jr. in *A Scanner Darkly*, William H. Macy in *Edmond*, Pierce Brosnan in *The Matador* and his 007 replacement Daniel Craig in *Casino Royale*. Not a bad roster, but not as great as other years.

Next year might offer a glimmer of hope. After a tumultuous reception at Cannes, *Southland Tales*, director Richard Kelly's long-awaited follow-up to *Donnie Darko*, is set for release in the spring. *Hannibal Rising* might be trashy fun. Joel Schumacher's *The Number 23*, a rare dramatic vehicle for Jim Carrey, might be interesting. There's a lot of buzz about Craig Brewer's hot-blooded *Black Snake Moan*. David Fincher's epic *Zodiac* could be worth a look. *Hot Fuzz*, the new comedy from the Brits behind *Shaun of the Dead*, looks promising, as does *300*, the eye-candy adaptation of Frank Miller's Spartan comic. Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino's double-feature project *Grindhouse* promises to be fun. And that's just the first quarter of the year.

So here's to 2007; may it be better in every way than 2006.

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Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nurse Program has announced the dates of administration of the Entrance Exam required for admission to the program for the 2007-2008 school year.

The required entrance exam will be administered at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School on the following dates: Saturday, January 20, 2007; Saturday, February 10, 2007 and Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 8:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Walk-in registration will not be accepted on the day of the exam. Seating is limited and students will be admitted to the test on a first-come, first-serve basis. The exam fee is \$80 and payable only by cash or money order. For additional information or to receive a registration form via mail, please contact 508-759-7711, extension 277. Registration forms are also available on the school's website at www.uppercapetech.com by clicking on the LPN Program link.

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- Washburn Lane – vandalism/past
- Spring Street – vandalism/past
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Briggs Lane Court – officer wanted
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Mill Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Pleasant Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street – assist other police department
- Converse Road – disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery)
- Spring Street – larceny/past
- Nokomis Road – animal complaint
- Front Street – suspicious person
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Cranberry Way – mental assist/protective custody
- Barnabas Road – larceny/past
- Creek Road – officer wanted
- Wareham Road – assist other police department
- Barnabas Road – lost property
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Oakdale Avenue – suspicious activity
- Tucker Lane – animal complaint
- Converse Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Silvershell Beach – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – assist other police department.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log highlights are for the week of December 3 through December 10, 2006:

- Pine Wood Way – domestic disturbance
- Homestead Court – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Road – brush fire
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Reservation Road – vandalism
- County Road – simple threats
- Acushnet Road – disturbance
- Tinkham Lane – disturbance
- Gosnold Street – motor vehicle accident
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – breaking and entering into structure
- Snow Fields Road – suspicious persons
- Mendell Road – motor vehicle stolen/theft
- Whalers Way – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Road – officer wanted
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – structure fire
- Church Street – parking complaint
- Homestead Court – harassing/annoying phone calls
- Brandt Island Road – assist other agency
- North Street – general disturbance
- Fairhaven Road – officer wanted
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Upland Way – suspicious persons
- Highland PC Avenue – animal complaint
- County Road – safety/road hazard
- Beech Wood Road – assist citizen
- County Road – mutual aid/police
- Acushnet Road – disturbance.

ROCHESTER

The following log highlights are for the week of December 12 through December 19, 2006:

- Acushnet PD – assist other agency
- Mattapoissett Road – vandalism
- North Avenue – citizen assist
- Burgess Avenue – suspicious activity
- North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pine Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – civil complaint
- King's Highway – animal control
- New Bedford Road – animal control
- Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Quaker Lane – assist other agency
- Snipatuit Road – animal complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – civil complaint
- New Bedford Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle/adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor)
- Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
- Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint
- Hathaway Pond Circle – suspicious activity
- County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Vaughn Hill Road – vandalism
- Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- High Street – adult arrest (warrant).

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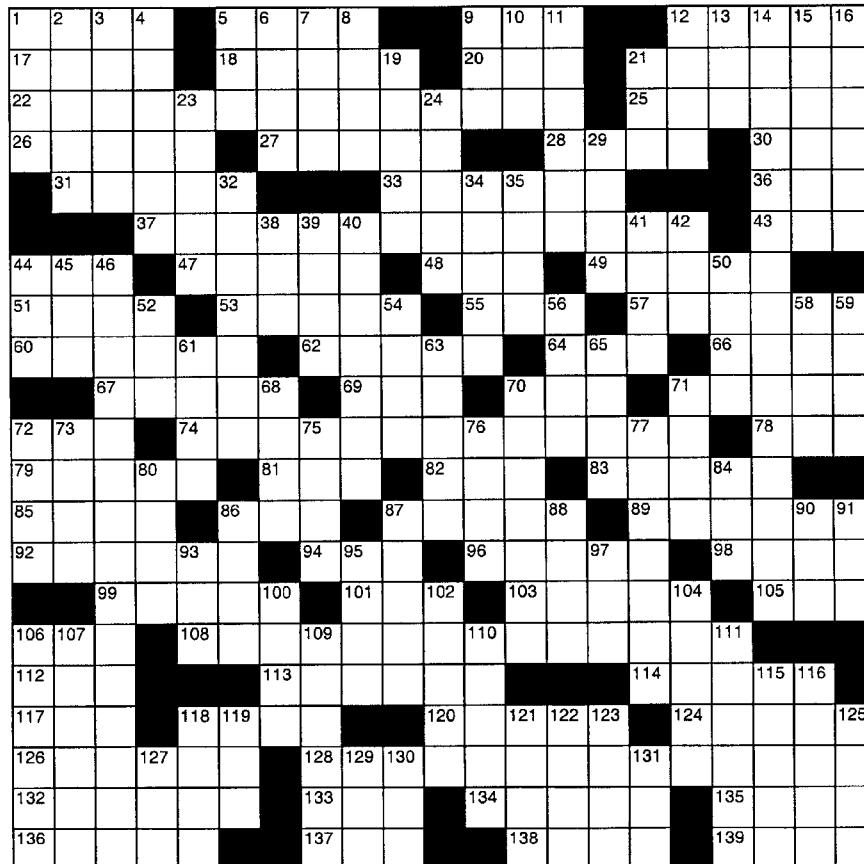
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

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Top Ten Tinsel Tunes

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At one time, you would start hearing the bell-peppered sounds of the Christmas season about a minute past midnight on Halloween. But I swear this year I started hearing the strains of “Jingle Bells” pumping through the Muzak system at a local store while picking up a few last-minute bags of candy for trick-or-treaters.

Not that I’m wholly adverse to holiday music, mind you. It’s just I question how the “season” has expanded beyond the parameters of a mere 30 days. And, come to think of it, wasn’t it a *song* that declared there were only “Twelve Days of Christmas”?

Well, in the past I’ve filled this space with my picks for top holiday movies and Christmas CDs, but this year I thought I’d rattle off my choices for **Top Ten Songs of the Season** ... a sort of “Casey Kasem Meets The Grinch” exercise. These are those rare tinsel-tinged tunes that have the staying power to rattle around inside my head with those visions of sugarplums and never-ending shopping lists ... even after being overplayed year after year.

And so, let the countdown begin ...

10. “Winter Wonderland.” There’s something irresistibly catchy about this song and for me it really captures the essence of what I like about the holidays and, more to the point, winter in New England. Best recorded version: The Eurythmics (though closely followed by Bob Rivers’ hilarious parody “Walking ‘Round in Women’s Underwear.”)

9. “Jingle Bell Rock.” I’ve had my fill of bouncy traditional Christmas songs, but I never tire of this revved-up rock version. It’s also probably one of the first and finest examples of an original pop holiday tune created to rival the classics. Best recorded version: Hall and Oates.

8. “Christmas Is the Time to Say I Love You.” Call this my wild card choice, but this rollicking number from forgotten ‘80s rocker Billy Squier is a refreshing change of pace from other humdrum holiday offerings. Those, like me, who remember Squier’s debut performance of this song live on MTV during its heyday — you know, when it showcased *music* — will also appreciate it even more.

7. “The Little Drummer Boy.” Maybe it’s because it was captured so vividly as one of Rankin/Bass’ most underrated animated holiday specials, or maybe it’s because as a drummer I was touched by the poor boy’s humbling gift, but this story-told-in-song remains a personal favorite. Best recorded version: the classic Bing Crosby and David Bowie duet.

6. “Please Come Home For Christmas.” There’s a whole subgenre of songs with “home” and “Christmas” in their titles, but for my money I’m banking on The Eagles’ great melancholic number which is both sad and oddly uplifting at the same time. I have to give props to Don Henley’s impeccable vocal performance here, too, which remains flawless from the opening strains of “*Bells will be ringing.*”

5. “Do They Know It’s Christmas?” Having grown up in the MTV age, it’s obvious a lot of my seminal taste in music



was inspired by watching videos. And so the grandfather of not only the “all-star benefit” but also the “all-star holiday music event”

remains high on my list. Band Aid’s benefit, which later inspired Live Aid and countless other self-serving musician fundraisers, remains an original. Not to mention, it’s a pretty good song and it’s still fun to pick out the varied voices as they trade off lyrics.

4. “Christmas Wrapping.” Most probably consider this a one-hit wonder from ‘80s new wave rockers The Waitresses, although they did have another hit with “I Know What Boys Like.” Like all of the more contemporary selections on my list, this is a true original — a song that could stand on its own merit during the first eleven calendar months if it didn’t have a holiday theme.

3. “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.” This is probably the only song on the list I would consider somewhat nostalgic. The lyrics always seem to suggest visions of Christmas past and I think the generous, heartfelt sentiments of the holiday season come shining through in this ballad. Best recorded version: The Pretenders, thanks to Chrissie Hynde’s impeccable vocals.

2. “Happy Xmas (War is Over).” As a Beatles fan, this great John Lennon entry has become even more poignant since his death (he was killed just before Christmas in 1980). But it is also another great example of how a modern songwriter can tap into the *zeitgeist* of the season and make it his own. When Lennon wrote it back in the mid-1970s, it was in response to the end of the Vietnam War, but it arguably remains just as relevant today. Not to mention, it puts fellow Beatle Paul McCartney’s awful “Wonderful Christmastime” to shame.

1. “Father Christmas.” Okay, so what makes this rather subversive Christmas ditty by The Kinks tops on my list? Well, for one, it never fails to put a smile across my face whenever I hear it for the first time during the holidays. Second, it’s a great, catchy, original and *funny* song that also provides an interesting bit of social commentary as only Ray Davies can while you’re not quite paying attention. To wit: “*Have yourself a Merry Merry Christmas / Have yourself a good time / But remember the kids who got nothin’ / While you’re drinking down your wine.*” Fine food for thought to go along with that holiday ham.

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The concert features Baroque music, with all four composers born in the late 1600s and living into the mid to late 1700s, although differences in the program are as striking as similarities. The concert opens with J.S. Bach's *Sonata #2 in D Major for Cello and Harpsichord*, an early

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TOP and ABOVE: Salvation Army bell ringer Lucy Genereux of New Bedford was recently accompanied by seventh grade students from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School in Mattapoisett at the Stop and Shop in Fairhaven to help boost donations to the organization. Members of the ORR ensemble pictured here, from left, include: Jack Thomas, Tom Tucker, Ian McLean, and Teddy Kassabian with Seamus McMahon on percussion. They are all members of the ORR School Band as well. They played a variety of songs mixing jazz and Christmas traditionals. Their stint last weekend outside the Fairhaven supermarket was to help a charity for a seventh grade community service project.



TOP and ABOVE: The recent holiday party at the Marion Natural History Museum was a great success. This annual event was held this year as an after-school drop-in open house. Those attending made ornaments, ate cookies and candy, and had fun hanging out with friends. (Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold.)

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work that one critic has called "charmingly piquant," and concludes with the passionate aria "Se bramate d'amar" ("If you dare to love him") from Handel's tumultuous opera *Seres* (*Xerxes*). In between, audiences will be treated to the Vivaldi aria "Vedro con mio diletto" from the three-act opera *Il Giustino*, written at about that point in his career when Vivaldi's international reputation began to soar.

And then there's George Frideric Handel's charming *Suite #5 in E Major*, which highlights the composer's mastery of the keyboard. So engaging is the piece, that years after he wrote it some insisted that Handel picked up the tune from a village blacksmith singing while hammering on the anvil. That story may be pure myth, but listeners' enjoyment ever since is pure fact.

J.S. Bach's towering *St. Matthew Passion*, written to celebrate Good Friday, includes the moving aria "Er barme dich" ("Have mercy on me"). That ethereal and passionate plea, which has transfixed audiences for almost 300 years, will be followed on the program by his son Carl Philipp Emanuel's *Sonata in G minor for Oboe and continuo*. C.P.E. Bach, whose original approach to music pleases in an entirely different, more romantic, way than his father's, played and composed throughout his career with great emotion.

Handel's opera *Seres*, which enacts the convoluted love story of Xerxes, King of the Persians, includes the wonderfully rich aria "Se bramate d'amar" ("If you dare to love him"), written originally for a castrato and sung these days either by a mezzo soprano or a tenor. This engaging piece is an emotional roller coaster, with changes in tempi and dynamics, all of which reflect the wide range of emotions felt by the King as he reads an intercepted love letter.

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 4:45 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by Thompson Merrill Engineering and Land Surveying Company, pertaining to the property located on 15 Gifford's Corner Road. The property is further identified as Lot 5, Map15. The following variance is requested from Title V of the State Environmental Code. 310 CMR 15.212 Reduction in separation distance from bottom of soil absorption system to seasonal high ground water from 4 feet to 2 feet. 310 CMR 15.405 (1) (6) Allow the results of a sieve analysis to be used to determine the effluent loading rate. The following variance is requested from the Marion Sanitary Code: Marion Sanitary Code 4.60.3 Reduction in design flow from 400 gpd to 330 gpd Albin R. Johnson III, Chairman 12/14, 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by JC Engineering, Inc. 2854 Cranberry Highway, W. Wareham, MA 02538. The proposed project is to upgrade an existing septic system. The project is located at 14 Shaw Street and identified as Lot 128 on Assessor Map 17. Conservation Commission 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Susan Hayward McAvoy, 28 Antassawamock Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to add on a 5'x 8' bathroom to the first floor and a 5'x 8' bathroom to the second floor. Remove existing bathroom fixtures. The project is located at 28 Antassawamock Road and identified as Lot 166 on Assessor Map 15A. Conservation Commission 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Robert Hill, 55 Prospect Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Map 5, Lot 193. The applicant proposes to construct a building addition to the existing single family dwelling. Conservation Commission 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1299) submitted by KATHLEEN J. WELCH to upgrade the sewage disposal</p>	<p>system at 82 West Avenue, Planting Island, further identified as Lot 20 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Jon A. Ruel, Atkinson Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Map 8, Lot 10. The applicant proposes to revise the building footprint which will result in a decrease in the wetland resource area from 683 square feet to 74 square feet. Conservation Commission 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1300) submitted by ALAN MINARD & NANCY JOHNSON to continue to maintain a hayfield and garden area at 123 Allens Point Road. Maintenance includes removing dead and/or fallen trees and fences, debris and blockages from the drainage ditch, bittersweet, occasionally mowing the grassy areas, and planting indigenous trees. The site is further identified as Lot 43B on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:21 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1301) submitted by ALAN MINARD & NANCY JOHNSON to continue to maintain a woods road; landscaping (remove fallen trees, stumps and boulders, cut back bittersweet and brush); occasionally mow the grassy areas, and conduct further percolation tests, if required, at Lots 30 & 30C Allens Point Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS: NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: The Department of Fish and Game, through its Office of Fishing and Boating Access, invites sealed bids for the construction of a canoe/car-top and shore fishing access, and miscellaneous work in the town of Rochester, MA, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Office of Fishing and Boating Access. This project consists of constructing a gravel parking area, access roadway and miscellaneous work in accordance with the above referenced documents. The estimated project value is (\$75,000.00). Bids will be submitted on the forms furnished by the Department, in the bid package and will be received at the office of the Office of Fishing and Boating Access, 1440 Soldiers Field Road, Brighton, MA 02135, until</p>	<p>11:00 AM, local time, Thursday, January 18, 2007, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the Contract Documents and shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the value of the bid. Bid deposits, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fish and Game, shall be in the form of a bid bond, certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Contract Documents will be available after December 28, 2006, from the Office of Fishing and Boating Access, 1440 Soldiers Field Road, Brighton, MA 02135. The documents may be examined free of charge at the aforesaid address from Monday Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, local time. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Office of Fishing and Boating Access, upon receipt of \$25.00 per set, made payable to the Office of Fishing and Boating Access. A \$10.00 separate non refundable mailing fee made payable in U.S. Postage Stamps to the Department of Fish and Game shall accompany all requests for mailing. Contract document deposits will be returned in full for formal bidders only. Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by M.G.L. under Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, inclusive. Proposals that do not have the Affidavit (of non collusion, etc.) properly completed will be declared informal. Bids are subject to provisions M.G.L. Chapter 30, Sections 39F, 39G, 39H, 39K and 39M and Chapter 149, Sections 44A to 44H, inclusive. This contract is subject to all State Laws and Regulations concerning Minority Business Enterprises including Executive Order 237. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals. An award will not be made to any Contractor who is not able to complete the work no later than June 1, 2007. By: David Peters, Commissioner of Department of Fish and Game. 12/21</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on January 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Marion Town Hall conference room, 2 Spring Street. The purpose of the hearing is to present an overview of the Marion CPA plan, goals and the guidelines, with a schedule, for application submittal. Any organization Town board or resident may apply for funds for projects related to Open Space, Community Housing and Historic Resources. The mission of the Community Preservation Committee will be explained, including funds projected to be available for fiscal year 2008. Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman 12/21, 01/04</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1300) submitted by JAMES A. & MINDY H. PASCO-ANDERSON to construct two small additions at 15 Vine Street, further identified as Lot 141 on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/21</p>



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Other members of the chamber group who will play in the winter concert include oboist Donna Cobert, the group's Artistic Director, violinist Piotr Buczek, and cellist Timothy Roberts.

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3	9	6	4	7	2	5	8	1
4	2	1	8	5	9	7	6	3
6	7	4	3	8	1	2	9	5
5	1	8	2	9	7	3	4	6
9	3	2	5	4	6	8	1	7

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A Winter Solstice Celebration, a walking meditation into a spiral of greens with candles to bring light to the longest night of the year, will be featured as an hour of quiet in a busy holiday season with a few readings and hammered dulcimer music by Barry Simon. The event will take place on Friday, December 22 at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street in Fairhaven.

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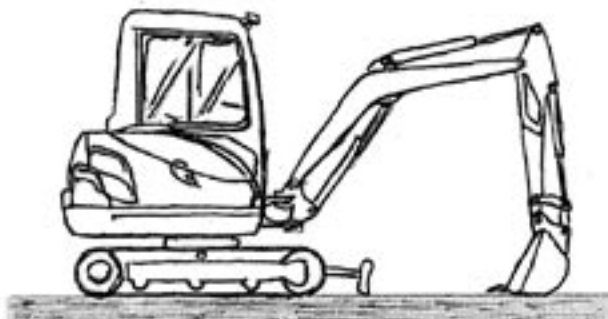
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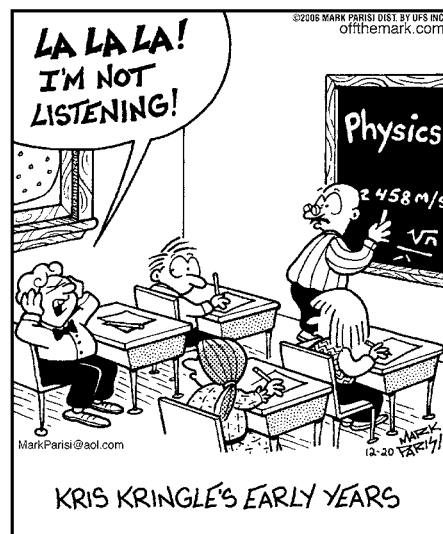
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
December 21:	Thurs.	8:04	8:27	1:05	2:15
December 22:	Fri.	8:50	9:15	1:50	2:57
December 23:	Sat.	9:38	10:05	2:35	3:37
December 24:	Sun.	10:29	10:58	3:23	4:18
December 25:	Mon.	11:22	11:52	4:15	5:03
December 26:	Tues.	...	12:17	5:14	5:53
December 27:	Wed.	12:47	1:13	6:27	6:51
December 28:	Thurs.	1:44	2:12	8:06	7:54
December 29:	Fri.	2:45	3:14	9:29	8:52
December 30:	Sat.	3:48	4:17	10:30	9:47
December 31:	Sun.	4:50	5:16	11:25	10:37
January 1:	Mon.	5:47	6:10	11:59	11:23
January 2:	Tues.	6:39	7:01	...	1:05
January 3:	Wed.	7:28	7:48	12:16	1:48
January 4:	Thurs.	8:15	8:36	1:05	2:25
January 5:	Fri.	8:59	9:22	1:52	2:57
January 6:	Sat.	9:45	10:06	2:37	3:28
January 7:	Sun.	10:28	10:53	3:22	3:59

Phases of the Moon

First Quarter December 27th
Full Moon January 3rd
Last Quarter January 11th
New Moon January 18th

off the mark by Mark Parisi



I found the Aardvark!

Each week we will give away an Aardvark Gift and each month we give away a special Aardvark Gift Basket to one lucky person. All you have to do to enter is find the Aardvark! The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Deadline for each week is 5pm on the Tuesday after the date of publication. All entries must be dated or postmarked on or before that Wednesday.

Winner, past location and prizes listed on our website at:
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